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S. C. MEACER, Editor.

To Our Subscribers.

We find after a few months experience that it is impossible to collect the small amount due us for the Daily in the city, with the regularity that should attend that department, without more time and attention than we can well afford to bestow upon it. In the future we will be governed by the cash in advance principle, and by that "rigorous policy" hope to render profitable, that which up to the present time has been a burden. From this date no paper will be delivered from this office unless paid for in advance. When the time paid for expires, the paper will be discontinued, unless renewed in time to prevent it. Our Agent cannot afford to call on any one three or four times for the paltry sum of twenty cents, and then perhaps not get it. All subscribers in arrears will please pay the route agent on application.

A Smart Officer.

About six years ago the military spirit of M. increased something over ninety-nine per cent, if not more; whereas, four new companies were formed. We had "nary one" previous to that time. Among the number was one composed of the sons of the Emerald Isle. The "b'ys" chose for their Lieutenant Michael P. Gerald, who was as well posted in military tactics as some of our officers of today. Now Mike was very proud of the position he was thereafter to occupy, and had cards struck off with this inscription printed thereon: "Michael P. Gerald, First Lieut. of the M. Guards."

It came to pass that a friend not being aware that he belonged to the company, asked him why he did not join the Guards, whereupon he drew forth a card and said:

"Read that."

"Well, what does that read, Mike?"

"Can't ye spell? That's Michael P. Gerald, First Lieut. of the M. Guards," he exultingly replied.

One day the Guards were to have a street parade, and their Captain being sick, the duty of taking them out devolved upon Mike. In the course of the parade he used the following military phrase:

"Shant shirite, b'ys; the Amerikins is lookin' at ye!"

"Bulge out in the custer!"

"Shut up till yer comrade, men!"

"B'ys, shant back, or I'll shick ye!"

But the following order took them all down:

"Turn the corner, b'ys, and be d—n quick about it, too!"

When told that such expressions were wrong, he would answer:

"How'd yer tongue! What d'ye know about military ticktackicks?"

He has not yet been made a Brigadier General, but probably knows as much as some that we have in active service.

SKIRMISH IN THE GREEN RIVER COUNTRY.

On Sunday last, as we learn from the *Evansville Journal*, Colonel Townes, of the State Guard, went with a few men in pursuit of some notorious guerrillas, and chased them through the flats of Pond river until they fell into the hands of Capt. Wilson and two of his men, who were out on a scout. There were three of the guerrillas—Lieutenant Thomas Jackson, known as the Kentucky Stonewall, Lieutenant George Thompson, and another named Stone. The guerrillas approached to within twenty yards of Captain Wilson, who ordered them to halt. They immediately drew their revolvers and commenced firing on Wilson, when he and his men who were armed with Henry rifles, returned the fire. The two Lieutenants were killed and Stone was wounded, but made his escape. None of Wilson's party were injured. Thompson is the man who wounded Major Platter, of the 4th Indiana cavalry, when he had the protection of two women to secure him from the vengeance of the Major. He and Jackson were both desperate and notorious characters. A correspondent speaks in high praise of Wilson and his men, and expresses the hope that Wilson and his company will be detailed to protect the Green River country. They would, with their Henry rifles, give the guerrilla a hot time of it—*Louisville Journal*.

The *Journal* infers that there is good reason to believe the rebels are moving with a view of invading the region of Kentucky lying between the Green and Cumberland rivers. There is, however, a sufficient Federal force to give them a warm reception.

REFUGEES FROM TENNESSEE.—Twenty-five loyal Tennesseans arrived in this city by railroad from Lexington, last evening. We noticed at the time the arrival of over a hundred refugees from Tennessee, by way of Lexington, on Saturday last. The Observer and Reporter says scarcely a day passes that there are not fresh arrivals from that unhappy district of country—stout, hearty men who are flying from rebellion and oppression.—*Louis Journal*, 18th.

LATE NEWS.

New York, Dec. 18.—The correspondent of the *Tribune* thus describes the carnage of Saturday:

It is not using too strong an expression to say that in this battle we were butchered. The loss of the enemy in comparison with our own must be insignificant. More than half the division of General French were placed *hors de combat* before they had fired a shot, having orders to withhold their fire, charge bayonets, and rush upon their entrenchments. They anticipated no obstacle until they should meet in hand to hand fighting for the crest of the first range of hills, but how little they now their foe they had to deal with, lying close upon the soft earth behind a low stone wall, a half destroyed fence, which we had not taken into our calculations as obstacles.

The enemy watched the approach of French till every man in battle line came under the aim of the best sharpshooters in the rebel army, in an instant, almost before the fence itself was discovered to be an obstacle along their route, a thick line of flame and smoke streamed above the fence and wall, and the moment the first volley was fired, sixty pieces of artillery, charged with grape and canister, sent the infernal contest straight through our advancing lines, faking them in front, and upon both flanks. Destruction so terrible never before has been seen during this war.

French went into battle with 7,000 men, and two days after the battle, only 1,200 men have reported to him.

The entire loss of the corps of Couch, consisting of the divisions of Howard, French, and Hancock, and which the morning up to the battle, contained 40 regiments, old and new, amounting to at least 25,000, is now 15,000.

I think official reports will not vary from this estimate more than 500 over or under. The losses in Reynolds' corps of Franklin's grand division, which was at first supposed to be but 2,000 are to-night considered by some of Franklin's staff officers nearly 4,000.

The following, based upon official reports as far as made out, and upon estimates of those who have the best facilities for judging, is as near correct as can be obtained up to the present time. The right grand division, consisting of Sumner's 2d corps, Couch's, and Howard's division, 980; Hancock's division, 3,300; French's division, 1,900; the 9th corps, consisting of Wilcox's and Sturges' division, 925; Getty's division, 400; total, 7,505. The center of the Grand Division, consisting of Hooker's 5th corps, Butterfield's and Humphrey's division, 1,500; Griffin's division, 1,300; Syke's 150; total—2,950. The left grand division, consisting of Franklin's 1st corps, Reynolds' and Gibson's division, 900; Mead's division, 1,800; Doubleday's division, 150; total—2,850. The 6th corps (Smith's), 200. Total loss in the right grand division, 7,505; total in the center division, 2,950; total in left grand division, 3,050. Total—13,505.

It is believed that these figures will fall under, rather than exceed the official report.

New York, Dec. 18.—The *Cahawba*, from New Orleans on the 10th, arrived to-day. Among her passengers are Hon. B. F. Flanders and Hon. H. Hahn, Members of Congress from Louisiana.

Gen. Butler, finding the fund for the poor exhausted, has levied an assessment of \$28,000 on the cotton brokers who advised the planters not to send in their produce in order to induce foreign intervention.

Cot. French, Provost Marshal General has issued an order that all persons arriving at New Orleans will be required to take the oath of allegiance before landing.

Strong Effort for Thayer's Florida Colonization Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—To-day a highly influential delegation of members of both houses of Congress, with Vice-President Hamlin at their head, waited on the President with a request, numerously signed by the loyal men of Florida asking for the appointment of Hon. Eli Thayer, as Military Governor of that State, with authority to raise twenty thousand loyal emigrants. They also presented to the President a paper signed by thirty-four members of the Senate and House, earnestly concurring in the request of the loyal men of Florida, and a paper from Major-General Hunter in command of the Department of the South, to the same effect. The Committee was well satisfied with the interview.

The Washington correspondent of the *Springfield Republican* states: "I had a curious experience the other day. I called with Mr. L. upon a public office high in position. We had important business, quickly dispatched, or you would not have found me here. Suddenly, Mr. L. turned to L. and said, 'By the way, we can make you a brigadier general.' L. started, and then answered, 'No, I am not fit for that; I know nothing of military matters.' 'O, no matter, you know as much as most of them, and you shall have a commission for \$3,000. L. looked still more astonished, and repeated his assurance that he was not fit for the place. The functionary evidently thought he hesitated at the price. 'O, said he, 'it is cheap, but we are under obligations to your family, which I wish to repay, and want to do something for you, else you could not have it for double the sum!'"

A young Richmond belle about to be married paid \$85 for one bonnet, \$50 for a second, and \$45 for a third, for her nuptials.

Proclamation of the Governor.

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee is now, and has been, without a full representation in the XXXVIII Congress of the United States of America; and whereas it is believed, upon information received, that a large majority of the voters of the Ninth and Tenth Congressional Districts of this State, as apportioned by the Act passed February 20th, 1852, have given evidence of their loyalty and allegiance to the Constitution and laws of the United States,

Now, therefore I, ANDREW JOHNSON, Military Governor of the State of Tennessee, in order to secure to the loyal electors of these two Congressional Districts their constitutional representation in the House of Representatives of the United States of America, have deemed it proper to issue this my proclamation, appointing and ordering elections to be held on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1862, to fill the vacancies in the XXXVIII Congress of the United States of America in the following Districts, to wit: The Ninth Congressional District, composed of the counties of Henry, Weakly, Dyer, Obion, Lauderdale, Tipton, Gibson, Carroll and Henderson.

The Tenth Congressional District, composed of the counties of Madison, Haywood, Hardeman, Fayette, and Shelby.

Writs of election will be issued, and the election held at the places designated by law, and the proceedings under said writs returned to the office of the Secretary of State. The judges appointed to hold said elections, in addition to the oath prescribed by section 844 of the Code of Tennessee, shall further swear that they will permit no person to vote whom they believe to be disloyal to the Government of the United States.

And no person will be considered as an elector qualified to vote, who, in addition to the qualifications now required by law, does not give satisfactory evidence to the judges holding said election of his loyalty to the Government of the United States.

In testimony whereof, I, ANDREW JOHNSON, Governor of the State of Tennessee, and Commander-in-Chief of the forces thereof, have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the Department in Nashville, on this 8th day of December, A. D. 1862.

By the Governor: ANDREW JOHNSON.

EDWARD H. EAST, Secretary of State.

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HEADQUARTERS 14th ARMY CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND, NASHVILLE, TENN., Nov. 27, 1862.

General Orders, No. 23.

Information having reached these headquarters to the effect that large quantities of goods of every description are being sold by sutlers and other parties to citizens, and by them being passed beyond the lines of this army, thereby giving aid and comfort to the enemy, the following regulations will hereafter be strictly observed:

I. All Army Sutlers are required to join their regiments, and they will not be permitted to sell goods to any but persons connected with the army.

II. No sutler will be permitted to ship Boots, Shoes, or any articles of clothing in his regiment, unless he first obtain a certificate from the commanding officer of the regiment, stating that such articles and quantities (which must in all cases be specified) are absolutely necessary for the comfort of his men, and also receive a permit from the Colonel, approved by Brigade and Division commanders, for the shipment of such goods to the regiment.

III. No person whatever, other than the regular sutlers, will hereafter be permitted to follow this Army, or to establish themselves within its lines.

IV. In towns and cities, now or hereafter within the lines of this Army, no person will be allowed to sell goods needed for the use of the resident citizens, unless he be a resident trader. To such, upon application to the Provost Marshal General, or Provost Marshal of the Post, a permit, with such restrictions as he may deem necessary, will be granted, proper assurance being given of the loyalty and fidelity of the applicant.

V. Any person, or persons, found shipping, selling, or attempting to sell, goods, either directly or indirectly, in violation of the above orders, will be immediately arrested, their goods confiscated, and the facts reported to these Headquarters.

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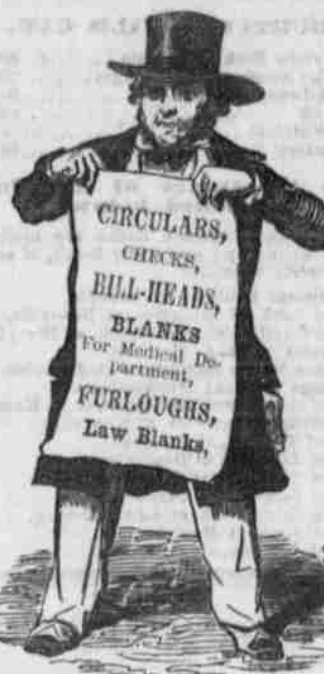
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